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1. On 24 February 1950 one HASELHUBER of Austro-Impex Warenhandels G.m.b.H., an export-import firm in Linz, turned over a railroad freight car loaded with 34,720 kilograms of steel construction parts, which his firm had just received from Berlin, to "Vertrieb von Baumaterialien", Vienna IV, Argentinierstrasse 26. "Vertrieb von Baumaterialien" has delivered this shipment to the Niessen-Werke plant in Vienna XXV for USIA's Soviet order of corrugated steel sheds.*

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2. "Vertrieb von Baumaterialien" recently purchased for the shed roofs 25,000 kilograms of 1,000 x 2,000 x 0.85 millimeter galvanized iron sheets from a Vienna export-import firm, A. Wonsch & Co., Vienna I, Trattnerhof.* According to [] these galvanized iron sheets were manufactured in the United States and shipped to Austria by ECA. He alleges that A. Wonsch & Co. is now trying to sell an additional 12,000 kilograms of 2,000 x 1,000 x 0.75 millimeter galvanized iron sheets and 17,000 kilograms of 2,000 x 1,000 x 0.80 millimeter sheets.

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25X1A [] Comment: A. Wonsch & Co. is not listed in the 1950 Handels-Compass or the 1949 Vienna telephone directory; it is possible that this firm may be associated with Otto Wonsch, an ironware wholesale dealer listed at Vienna II, Glockengasse 21.

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